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Title: Single Port Cardiac Support Apparatus

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant has received a Notice of Abandonment in the above matter, mailed from the Patent Office on 21 August 2002, which appears to be issued in error. A copy of the Notice of Abandonment is attached as Exhibit 1.

This application was filed by Express Mail on 25 September 2000. A copy of the transmittal papers accompanying the filing of this application are attached as Exhibit 2. The application was filed with a complete specification, all claims, abstract and all drawing figures. A photocopy of the Declaration from parent application Serial No. 08/891,456 filed 7 July 1997 was also submitted (copy attached as Exhibit 3). The Patent Office has acknowledged receipt of all documents, as evidenced by the PTO acknowledgment post card, date stamped by the mail room on 25 September 2000 (copy attached as Exhibit 4).

The Notice of Abandonment states that a reply to a Notice to File Missing Parts Notice was never filed. Applicant's file does not contain this notice. The only communication received in the above matter is a filing receipt, dated 29 November 2000.

The application was filed complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.53. It is therefore believed that the Notice of Abandonment has been issued in error.